

DIARY NOTES

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25X1A 1. I met with Gordon Stewart, Shef Edwards and Jim Garrison to advise them of possible personnel cuts in their Offices and asked them to get started now in working up a chart which would show me the functions they were carrying out as well as the dollars and personnel required to perform them. They should be arranged in order of priority so that we can make some decisions as to what we will cut out shortly after the first of the year. I asked Gordon and [REDACTED] to get together and furnish me personnel strength targets by month through Fiscal Year 1960 under the assumption that we will reduce by 1% during Fiscal Year 1959 and an additional 2% during Fiscal Year 1960.

25X1A9a 2. I checked with [REDACTED] to insure that he would have Bob Amory communicate with [REDACTED] as soon as he returned. 25X1A5a1

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] advised me that the Director approved of cutting his Security Staff from six to two positions and I have given Shef Edwards the green light.

25X1A9a 4. I advised Jim Garrison of the probable merger of [REDACTED] project staff with the Air Division in DD/P and it is also his desire to explore the possibility of including the Aircraft Maintenance Support Division of the Office of Logistics. I told him to cooperate fully in this exploration and not to try to hold on to this Division unless he felt that it was essential. I also told him that if this merger went through it would probably mean moving [REDACTED] out of the Matomic Building and that he should take this into consideration in his planning. H

25X1A9a 5. Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, telephoned with regard to Project CORONA. He said that, as he understood it, the Department of Defense had decided to cut back this whole program, including our participation in it and that under these circumstances he didn't see how he could approve a release of the funds that we requested from the Reserve. He also said that Mr. Veatch at the Bureau had reported that we knew about this cut back and that the Director had written a letter of protest. I undertook to discuss this with [REDACTED] which I have done. He thought that the Department of Defense cut back would not have any effect on our part of the program and I am going to set up a meeting with Messrs. Macy, Veatch and [REDACTED] and participate in it to try to sort out the whole thing again. I also agreed with Bob that, in view of our meeting on Saturday and the decisions which were reached, I would discuss [REDACTED] project with Deputy Secretary of Defense Quarles and then with the President and that there was no point in us meeting with [REDACTED] to discuss the matter at this time. 25X1A9a

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